

June 5 2006

Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian
City Hall
400 Ogden Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Dear Councilwoman:

I am writing you as the President of the Las Vegas Arts District Neighborhood Association concerning the proposed 43-story condominium tower that is planned for the corner of Casino Center and Colorado Avenue. This project was discussed at the May board meeting of the Neighborhood Association and we would like you to be aware of two things.

1) The board voted unanimously in favor of the project. The Arts District needs development to become cleaner, safer, and more prosperous. The existing art galleries in the area including those on Main Street and Boulder avenue, have virtually no foot traffic 29 days of each month. Only First Friday draws people to the area in sufficient numbers to generate sales. A condominium with several hundred upper income people can change the atmosphere and make it easier for other locals to come to the Arts District more than one day a month.

2) The people who are complaining about losing their rented houses when the property is transferred to the developer have not communicated in any way with me or the other Neighborhood Association board officers. I first learned of the project on the day it was to be presented to the Planning Commission by reading an article in the Sun section of the R-J. I went to the meeting and spoke saying I would not give an opinion on the project as it had not been discussed by the Association's board of Directors. Even though I stayed in the Council Chambers for several minutes after the item was voted on, none of the 15 people who had come to speak on the subject approached me to ask for the Association's support.

Richard Hooker of Leisure Services, let me know of your plan to have a "town hall" type meeting on June 14th in the Godt-Cleary Gallery. I have it on my calendar to attend and will invite the other members of Board to attend. We are an active board dedicated to the success of the Arts District and look forward to working with you to see it develop into a world class venue in the years to come.

Thank you very much..

Sincerely,

Richard L. Geyer
President, The Las Vegas Arts District Neighborhood Association

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